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SUBJECT: SOVIET-JAPANESE NEGOTIATIONS FOR SAKHALIN OFFSHORE
OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION

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1. ACCORDING TO JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICER RECENT SOVIET-JAPANESE NEGOTIATIONS IN MOSCOW FOR SURVEY OF SEABED OFF SAKHALIN (REFTEL) WERE COMPLETE FAILURE. JAPANESE DELEGATION HAD ARRIVED IN MOSCOW AUGUST 20 WITH HOPES THAT TALKS COULD BE COMPLETED QUICKLY SO THAT SURVEY WOULD BEGIN THIS MONTH, THEREBY PERMITTING INSTALLATION OF DRILLING PLATFORMS AS SOON AS ICE CLEARED NEXT SPRING. HOWEVER, NEGOTIATIONS DEADLOCKED ON ISSUE OF NUMBER OF JAPANESE NATIONALS ON SURVEY SHIP. JAPANESE ALSO DISCOVERED THAT SOVIETS HAD NOT YET MADE NECESSARY MEASUREMENTS OF AREA FROM DIFFERENT POINTS ON SAKHALIN, AN OPERATION WHICH COULD NOT BE COMPLETED BEFORE
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FREEZE OVER BEGINS IN OCTOBER.

2. JAPANESE ARE, ACCORDING TO EMBASSY SOURCE, DISAPPOINTED
BUT NOT SURPRISED AT FAILURE OF SOVIETS TO COOPERATE QUICKLY
ON THIS PROJECT. THEY ALSO VIEW SOVIET INSISTENCE ON LIMITING
NUMBER OF JAPANESE IN SHIP'S CREW AS SO STRONG THAT JAPAN
MAY HAVE TO BACK DOWN FROM CURRENT NEGOTIATING POSITION WHEN
TALKS RESUME.

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